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PATENT**Remarks**

The Office Action mailed August 16, 2005, and made final, has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-10 and 12-26 are now pending in this application. Claims 1, 4, and 5 stand rejected. Claims 2, 3, and 6-10 are objected to. Claim 12-26 are allowed.

The rejection of Claims 1, 4, and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over McMillan (U.S. Pat. No. 4,231,166) in view of Bria et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,681,497) is respectfully traversed.

Claim 2 was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim. Claim 2 has been canceled and Claim 1 has been amended to include the recitations of Claim 2. Claim 1 is therefore submitted to be patentable over McMillan in view of Bria et al.

Claim 6 was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim. Claim 6 has been canceled and Claim 4 has been amended to include the recitations of Claim 6. Claim 4 is therefore submitted to be patentable over McMillan in view of Bria et al.

Claim 5 depends from Claim 4. When the recitations of Claim 5 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 4, Applicants submit that dependent Claim 5 likewise is patentable over McMillan in view of Bria et al.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request that the Section 103 rejection of Claims 1, 4, and 5 be withdrawn.

The objection to claims 2, 3, and 6-10 is respectfully traversed.

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Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 2, 3, and 6-10.

Claims 2 and 3 depend from independent claim 1. Claim 2 has been canceled and Claim 1 has been amended to include the recitations of Claim 2. Claim 1 is therefore submitted to be patentable over the cited art. Claim 3 depends from Claim 1. When the recitations of Claim 3 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 1, Applicant submits that dependent Claim 3 likewise is patentable over the cited art.

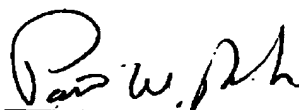
Claims 6-10 depend from independent Claim 4. Claim 6 has been canceled and Claim 4 has been amended to include the recitations of Claim 6. Claim 4 is therefore submitted to be patentable over the cited art. Claims 7-10 depend from Claim 4. When the recitations of Claims 7-10 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 4, Applicant submits that dependent Claims 7-10 likewise are patentable over the cited art.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to Claims 2, 3, and 6-10 be withdrawn.

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In view of the foregoing remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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